## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

This patent application discloses subject matter that is related to the subject matter disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/905,281 entitled "Apparatus for Merging a Plurality Of Data Streams Into a Single Data Stream" filed on even date herein. The above Patent Application is hereby incorporated by reference.

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